GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up 30 New Central Universities of International Standards or at least one Central University in each State and degree college in each district in order to improve the access to higher education as reported in the Hindu dated June 23, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) It is proposed to establish 30 Central Universities during the XIth Plan and the first two years of the XIIth Plan period, subject to the Plan being finalized, and to provide assistance for establishing one college in each district with low Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education.

(b) and (c) Action for establishment, in the first phase, of one Central University in each of the 16 States which do not have a Central University so far, namely Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand, has already been initiated.